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West to Russia: 'Hands Off Berlin'

LONDON (UPI). — The Western Big Three powers on Tuesday dispatched their "hands off Berlin" notes to their envoys in Moscow for delivery to the Kremlin, diplomatic sources reported.

The notes were expected to be handed formally to the Soviet authorities on Wednesday. The West's replies, approved by the Permanent NATO Council in Paris on Monday, firmly rejected Russia's near-ultimatum to turn West Berlin into a "free city."

They deny Russia the right to withdraw unilaterally from her obligations over Berlin and serve notice on Moscow that any such renunciation by the Soviet would not deprive the Western powers of their rights and responsibilities in the embattled city, the sources said.

The notes suggest that any solution for Berlin must be found within the wider frame of an all-German settlement, linked with European security and disarmament measures.

4-Power Draft

The Western notes were drawn up by a four-power drafting group in Paris of U.S., British, French and West German officials. Western Germany will also send a note to Moscow.

Their policy line has been determined by the NATO-backed decision of the Western powers in Paris two weeks ago to stand fast in the face of Russia's threat to Berlin.

The notes, similar in wording but not identical, follow these major policy lines:

- Russia has no right to withdraw unilaterally from her engagements over Berlin. Such a move would not deprive the U.S., Britain and France of their rights, or relieve the Soviet Union of its obligations.
- The three powers remain determined to maintain their position in Berlin.
- The West rejects Russia's plan to turn West Berlin into a "free city" which would, in effect, leave it at the mercy of the Communist regime in East Germany.
- The Western powers maintain their right to remain in Berlin as long as their responsibilities require it and insist on freedom of communications between Berlin and the free world.
- The Soviet Union would be held responsible for any action which would hamper this freedom.

Haifa Refineries Contract Signed

LONDON (INA). — The contract for Israel's purchase of the Haifa refineries was signed here on Tuesday.

The buyers are the newly-formed Government-controlled company "Paait," financed by the Swiss-Israel Bank of Geneva. The price, which has not been specified, is payable in sterling.

Five out of the eight members of the Board of Directors are Government officials — Dr. J. Arnon, Director-General of the Ministry of Finance, Mr. I. Koslov, Government Fuel Commissioner, Mr. Katriel Salmon, of the Finance Ministry, Mr. David Shoham, and Dr. P. Shinnar, head of the Shilumim Corporation. There are also two bankers—Dr. Y. Foerder, Chairman of Bank Leumi, and Dr. A. Konikov, of the Swiss-Israel Bank. The only Briton on the Board is Mr. I. Wolfson.

Nikitin Cuts Short Talks in Syria

BEIRUT (Reuter). — A press report here on Tuesday claimed that the Soviet economic delegation due to stay in Syria three days and discuss implementation of the 1957 Soviet-Syrian economic cooperation agreement left Damascus on Monday after only an overnight stop.

The pro-Western Beirut newspaper "Al Nahar" published a Damascus report alleging that the Soviet delegation, led by Mr. Pavel Nikitin, had upset Syrian leaders by telling them their economy had deteriorated since the Syrian union with Egypt, and that aid would be of more use if Syria were linked with Iraq.

The Arab News Agency reported from Damascus that Mr. Nikitin was to have signed an aid agreement there similar to the one he recently concluded in Cairo. However, only a few hours after his arrival in Damascus from the Egyptian capital, he announced that he had "completed his mission and must return urgently to Moscow."

Dag to Meet With B-G And Meir Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, who arrives in Jerusalem via Mandelbaum Gate on Wednesday morning (today) will be received by Foreign Minister Golda Meir at her office, shortly before they will lunch with the Prime Minister at his home.

Mr. Hammarskjold's plane will touch down at Kalandia airport in Jordan at 9 a.m., coming from Mogadiscio, Somaliland, and he will be met there by the UNTSO Chief of Staff, Maj-Gen. Carl von Horn, and other U.N. officials. He will be received at Mandelbaum Gate at 9.40 by the Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Walter Eytan, the Director of the Foreign Ministry's Armistice Affairs Division, Dr. Avraham Biran, the Chief of Protocol, Mr. Harry Bellin, and other senior officials.

After conferring with Mrs. Meir at 12.30, Mr. Hammarskjold will lunch with Mr. Ben-Gurion at 1.30, and in the afternoon will return to Government House for consultations with UNTSO members, and will remain there overnight.

The final plans for Mr. Hammarskjold's itinerary in Israel on Thursday and Friday will be drawn up only after he arrives here. Dr. Biran will officially escort the Secretary-General during his stay.

The meetings with Mrs. Meir and Mr. Ben-Gurion—the latter talks scheduled at Sde Boker — are expected to include implementation of Article VIII of the General Armistice Agreement, the latest U.A.R. aggressive acts and Gen. von Horn's report to the U.N. on the Syrian shelling of Hula settlements, resettlement of Arab refugees in Arab countries, as well as conditions for renewing meetings of the Mixed Armistice Commissions.

UAR Signs Off-Shore Oil Prospecting Pact

CAIRO (UPI). — The U.A.R. and the Eastern Petroleum Company on Tuesday signed an off-shore oil exploration agreement, the first in the country's history.

The Government will receive 75 per cent of the profits. The company, an Italo-Belgian-U.A.R. combine, was given a concession to prospect for and exploit oil in 15 Sinai Desert and Suez Gulf off-shore areas.

The Premier seen addressing five Arab M.K.'s in Jerusalem on Tuesday, when he reviewed the progress made in the development of the Arab community in Israel. Photo by Bryan

B-G to Arab MK's: Studying To Ease Military Restrictions

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Prime Minister on Tuesday told representatives of the Arab parties in the Knesset that he had prepared a number of concrete suggestions for substantial relaxation of military government restrictions.

Mr. Ben - Gurion added, however, that he would have to submit these suggestions to the Cabinet Committee on Military Government and to the Cabinet itself for final approval within the next few weeks.

The announcement was made at a meeting between the Prime Minister and the five Arab M.K.'s, convened to consider progress made on proposals for improvements in the condition of the Arab community made at a similar meeting a year and a half ago. The participants included Messrs. Peres Hamdan, Mass'ad Kassis, Saleh Khneife's, Jaber Mu'adi, and Saleh Suleiman. The two Communist and one Mapam Arab M.K.'s were not invited.

Diverse Problems

The three-hour meeting ranged over diverse problems of Israel Arabs and included a review by the Premier of achievements in these fields, and the raising of unsolved problems by the Arab M.K.'s. Mr. Ben-Gurion recalled the new obligations undertaken by the Government last July regarding land problems affecting many of the Arab population, and said that up to December 1 over 3,000 claims for compensation for land acquired by the Development Authority had been settled, the claimants receiving over IL4m. in cash and 20,000 dunams in land.

The Prime Minister expressed the hope that when the mixed committees set up to recommend fair compensation for former Arab lands will have begun their work, the final solution to this problem will have been speeded up.

Mr. Ben-Gurion touched on achievements in the economic rehabilitation of the 20,000 Arab refugees now in Israel, on long term loans for development of their farms, and on Government aid to build houses for them.

Release Properties

He also announced a Government decision to release Moslem endowment properties *(waqf)* which were needed to serve the requirements of Moslem religious life.

The Prime Minister went on to list some of the constructive enterprises recently established for Israel Arabs, and surveyed the plans for the development of the Arab villages in the next few years.

During the past year, five waterworks for the supply of drinking water had been completed, and the main feature of the coming year's development works would be the establishment of four additional water installations for Arab villages at a cost of about IL1m. New irrigation works would also be set up, which would extend the area of irrigated land attached to Arab villages in the Jezreel Valley, Galilee and Wadi Ara. During the past year considerable areas had been ameliorated with Government assistance, and it was expected that about 1,000 additional dunams would be ameliorated each year. The Prime Minister also mentioned the improvement of the position of Arab tobacco growers, and the agricultural training that had been provided for many Arabs.

Touching on progress made in the field of education, Mr. Ben-Gurion said that during the past year alone, the number of Arab teachers had grown by 200 to a total of 1,100. About 60 per cent of all the Arab pupils in Arab secondary schools were benefiting from stipends or graded fees. Over 90 per cent of all Arab boys of compulsory education age were attending State schools.

The Prime Minister appealed to the Arab representatives to encourage school attendance by Arab girls, of whom only 50 per cent are now attending.

The problem of the Arab intelligentsia and their absorption in Government service and in the economy was thoroughly discussed at the meeting. The Prime Minister undertook to take steps to ensure the employment of Arab high school and University graduates in the various Ministries in general posts, and not merely in posts dealing with Arab affairs.

Following the Prime Minister's review, the Arab M.K.'s brought up various proposals for further improvements, which were noted by Mr. Ben-Gurion, who assured the participants that they would receive the same attention as the proposals raised at the first meeting 18 months ago.

Mr. Hamdan called for the establishment of an Arab Bank in cooperation with Jewish capital to encourage the wider use of banks by Israel Arabs. Mr. Hamdan pointed out that such a bank would be of great benefit to the economy as at present most big financial transactions among the Arabs were still made in cash. He also suggested the founding of an Arab insurance company.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Hamdan thanked the Government for its efforts in implementing the suggestions raised at the previous meeting. He pointed out that the Tenth Anniversary Year had set a record for constructive developments for the benefit of Israel's Arab population.

Following the meeting, Mr. Hamdan told *The Jerusalem Post* that the meeting with the Prime Minister "had reassured us that Israel's Arab citizens are approaching a satisfactory solution of all their pending problems and that their requests are being attended to with the greatest consideration."

LOCAL DRY SPELL TO CONTINUE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

With a barometric high extending from Spain to Turkey and moving eastward, there is little likelihood of rain during the next few days, the weatherman at Lydda Airport reported on Tuesday night.

He predicted temperatures would rise slightly today (Wednesday), and that humidity would drop.

He explained the prediction of rain that failed to materialize on Tuesday as one of the hazards of the meteorologist's trade. The indications of rain were very slight, and the clouds just passed over Israel in the morning without releasing any precipitation, he said.

Locusts Continue Assault on Yotvata

BEERSHEBA. — The battle against a horde of locusts settled on 50,000 dunams in the vicinity of Kibbutz Yotvata, 40 km. north of Eilat, entered its third day on Tuesday.

As fast as the air and ground crews of the Plant Protection Department wiped out the voracious pests, new swarms appeared from the Saudi Arabian desert to take their place.

Thanks to the defenders' efforts, damage to kibbutz fields has so far been relatively slight.

6 Greek Cypriots Granted Reprieve

NICOSIA (Reuter). — Six Greek Cypriots under sentence of death have been reprieved, it was officially announced here on Tuesday.

All the sentences were commuted to life imprisonment.

1,000 Reported Killed in Cuba Street Fighting

HAVANA. — One thousand persons, including soldiers, civilians, and rebels, have been killed in a fierce house-to-house battle for Santa Clara, capital of Las Villas Province of Cuba, and an important rail centre, according to reports reaching here on Tuesday.

The reports, which were not confirmed, said Government planes were bombing and machinegunning Fidel Castoro's rebels. Loss of the city would be serious for the Government.

(New York Radio reported the rebels had blown up an arms warehouse at Guanabacoa across the bay from Havana, killing seven soldiers. Rebel forces were attempting to capture Santiago, capital of Oriente Province and Cuba's second largest city, where about 10,000 troops were ready for the defence, the broadcast said.)

City Cut Off

Communications with Santa Clara (population 150,000) are cut.

Other reports said rebels struck into the heart of Havana Province with a daring raid on an explosives depot in which they dynamited the huge stores of ammunition they could not carry away.

The raid followed rebel claims to have smashed Government forces in central and eastern Cuba. The rebels were boasting they were "at the doors of triumph."

Government sources disputed the sweeping rebel claims, but admitted there was heavy fighting around Santa Clara. The army said its forces were on the offensive in central Cuba and were driving the rebels ahead of them despite rebel propaganda broadcasts to "create unrest."

The blast of the Guanabacoa explosives was heard in lower Havana. Police established roadblocks in the area, adjacent to the Hebrew cemetery in Guanabacoa.

(Reuter, UPI)

Knesset Group Ends Army Service Debate

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee on Tuesday wound up its discussion of the National Service Law (Amendment) and referred it to the Knesset for its second and third readings.

It is understood that the Committee rejected a proposal to shorten from 24 months to 16 the period of compulsory military service for girls in the recommendations it sent to the Minister of Defence.

The Committee also heard a report from Mr. Yosef Avidar, the new Director-General of the Ministry of Labour, on his three years as Ambassador to the Soviet Union. Mr. Avidar, who returned this autumn from Russia, replied to Members' questions.

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De Gaulle Overhauls French Defence Plan

PARIS (UPI). — Premier Charles de Gaulle streamlined France's military defence on Tuesday to protect the nation against surprise attack in the nuclear age.

The programme, which follows his revolutionary economic reforms, called for creation of a National Defence Committee similar to the National Defence Council in the U.S. to coordinate military and civil defence.

It gives the Cabinet the right to proclaim a general mobilization or a state of alert in event of any instance of grave international tension. During a state of alert the Cabinet would have the right to requisition persons and services for military duty.

The programme also called for creation of a "defence corps" to take charge of anti-subversion in peacetime, and set up the line of succession of command if the executive department was wiped out in an atomic attack.

No Distinction

Gen. de Gaulle also ordered creation of a scientific action committee to organize research. France hopes eventually to equip its forces with atomic and hydrogen weapons.

Information Minister Jacques Soustelle announced the defence reorganization after a three-hour Cabinet meeting. He said existing defence legislation was based on a legal distinction between peacetime and wartime, but that such a situation no longer existed in the nuclear age.

De Gaulle's defence and economic reforms are part of a series of measures he is pushing through before he relinquishes the premiership to become President on January 8. Such programmes, if presented to the National Assembly during the Fourth Republic, almost certainly would have created Government crises.

The rules governing succession of power demand that if the President, the Senate and the Premier are unable to carry out the operation of the Government, supreme defence powers devolve automatically on the Minister of the Armies, a new post which de Gaulle created when he formed his Government.

Executive Power

If the Minister of Armies also is incapacitated, the power would fall to the other ministers in the order of the publication of their appointments. In the event the entire central administration is destroyed, executive power may be exercised by local or regional officials.

France now is waiting for other de Gaulle reforms. The Premier also met with the Cabinet to study plans for modernization of the one-million employes civil service, the national education system, the state-controlled broadcasting service, and for the possible establishment of a share-the-profits plan for industrial employes.

Black to Mediate Between UK, UAR

LONDON (UPI). — The World Bank President, Mr. Eugene Black, has accepted a good will mission to promote a financial settlement between Britain and the U.A.R., it was officially announced on Tuesday.

The Foreign Office announced Mr. Black had agreed to the mission at the request of the British and U.A.R. Governments. The announcement came after a meeting between Mr. Black and Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, attended also by high treasury officials.

The World Bank President will leave for Cairo on Wednesday.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the new move was part of the process that had been going on for many months. He said that the recently concluded agreements between the Shell Company and the U.A.R. fitted in with this process. However, he did not comment on the possible effect of the current mission on the future of Anglo-U.A.R. diplomatic relations.

Diplomatic relations between London and Cairo were broken off after the Suez invasion in 1956.

Mr. Black has been in London for several days in preparation for his trip to Cairo.

(Mr. Black was originally due to come to Israel in January for talks on a possible loan from the Bank, but his visit has been postponed and no new date has yet been set.)

Newcomers Must Go Into Industry — Sapir

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. P. Sapir, on Tuesday declared that future immigration must be diverted to industry and not to agriculture, because the supply of farm products was now equal to demand.

Mr. Sapir, explaining Mapai's economic and wage policies to key party workers at the Yahdav club here, said that if he had to choose between agricultural planning which would result in shortages and that which would cause certain surpluses, he would choose the latter. Such ghts were a sign of a healthy economy, and not of bad planning, he believed.

Mr. A. Becker, head of the Histadrut's Trades Union Department, who also addressed the gathering, pointed out that whereas social welfare benefits comprised 12 per cent of building workers' incomes in 1948, today they amounted to 24-26 per cent.

Namir Asked For Paper Mill Mediator

Post Labour Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Executive and the Manufacturers' Association on Tuesday jointly appealed to the Minister of Labour, Mr. M. Namir, to appoint "an independent, neutral person," as sole arbitrator in the labour dispute between the Hadera Israel-American Paper Mills and the Hadera labour council, it was announced here.

The appeal followed the withdrawal of the Government labour mediator, Mr. R. Shari.

The dispute arose when the mills suspended two workers for allegedly wilfully slowing down production in the sorting department. The Council organized a two-hour warning strike last Wednesday, after which the Ministry of Labour intervened.

TUNISIA QUITS FRANC ZONE

TUNIS (Reuter). — Tunisia decided on Tuesday to withdraw from the franc zone and not to devaluate her currency.

Before last Saturday's French devaluation, one Tunisian dinar was worth 1,000 French francs. In future the new parity will be one dinar to 1,175 French francs.

'Disturbing Developments' Over Mid-East Seen in Washington

By JESSE ZEL LURIE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — Zionist leaders on Tuesday began an urgent examination of disturbing developments in the Middle East and in Washington which have hitherto been blanketed by the 20-day newspaper strike here and the long Christmas weekend.

They will find that the State Department has for some weeks been studying the situation in Iraq and Egypt and has come to no conclusion.

The "New York Times" on Tuesday front-paged an article by Dana Schmidt headlined: "Milder U.S. Stand on Nasser Hinted." Schmidt reports three developments: the recent U.S. surplus wheat deal with the U.A.R., the lease of the dredger Essayons to help deepen the Suez Canal, and State Department support for West Germany's offer to underwrite a $48m. initial loan for the Aswan Dam.

But observers with long memories will recall that the first two were decided on last spring after Nasser settled with the Suez Canal Company stockholders. The State Department explained then that they would first make friendly gestures and await Nasser's reactions.

Want Nasser 'Neutral'

In the interval, while these deals, and the resumption of CARE supplies, were being negotiated, Nasser's press and radio continued its anti-Western tirades. U.S. policy makers understand that Communist propaganda techniques, which now predominate in the Iraq press and radio, were learned in Cairo, and they have no illusions about making a friend of Nasser. They would like, as they said last spring, to normalize relations and keep him as "neutral" as possible.

The State Department has been informed that the U.A.R.'s economy and trade balance are at their lowest ebb. The surplus wheat deal will help somewhat, but it remains to be seen whether Nasser will ask "imperialist" America for more economic aid.

Meanwhile, the State Department is watching the Communist's efforts to take over Iraq, helpless to intervene since there is no external aggression. The "Wall Street Journal" reported from Baghdad that the U.S. has twice offered Kassem military aid, and has twice been rebuffed in favour of Soviet arms.

Marseilles Police Arrest Joanovici

MARSEILLES (Reuter). — French police on Tuesday arrested the scrap dealer Joseph Joanovici, wanted for alleged tax evasion, when the Israel ship Theodor Herzl docked here.

Joanovici, 53, was deported from Israel last Friday.

The Rumanian-born dealer is reputed to have amassed a $4m. fortune during the war by selling scrap metal to the Germans.

In Jerusalem, the Ministry of Interior has asked the Jewish Agency to investigate how Joanovici obtained the necessary documents to reach Israel.

Joanovici came to Israel on a Moroccan passport made out in the name of Yosef Levi.

The Jewish Agency is being asked to clarify if any Agency official recommended that Joanovici be issued with the passport, as he has claimed.

Iraq-India Trade

BAGHDAD (Reuter). — Iran and India on Monday night signed a trade agreement which had been initialled in New Delhi earlier this month. It aims at enlarging present exports between the two countries — mainly Iraqi dates and Indian tea.

Ukrainian Radio Broadcasts Vicious Anti-Jewish Tirade

MUNICH (INA). — An inciting anti-Jewish broadcast in the Ukrainian language, addressed to all Ukrainians in the Soviet Union, was monitored here on Tuesday. The broadcast came from a station in Kirovograd which disseminates material for editorial guidance to the Soviet press in the Ukraine, and was the first direct attack on Jews in the Soviet Union since the advent of the Khrushchev regime.

Contrary to the broadcasts over Moscow Radio, which limit themselves to attacks on Israel, the Ukrainian broadcast contained attacks on Jews in general.

It went out of its way to emphasize that, although the Communist revolution abolished the anti-Jewish laws of the Czarist regime, Jewish "nationalists" not only abroad, but also in Soviet Russia and in the Ukraine "adopted an inimical attitude toward the Soviet regime."

"The Jewish bourgeoisie has widely advertised the State of Israel as a shrine and refuge for the Jewish people, but everybody knows that this shrine has been a tool in the hands of the imperialists. It has been used to deceive the working masses of Jews in various countries and make them subservient instruments in the imperialists' hands. The Zionists are also indoctrinating individual Jews with a nationalist spirit, trying to enlist them in anti-Soviet activities, and forcing them to become traitors to their fatherland," the broadcast said.

The broadcast then went on to quote from a number of letters, allegedly mailed by Jews in Israel to relatives in the Soviet Ukraine, complaining of life in Israel and about children of immigrants from Poland and the Soviet Union being forced to undergo "the savage rite of circumcision." One of the letters was said to have been sent to the Kirovograd municipality by an immigrant, Fanya Neyman, described in the broadcast as a "former inhabitant of Kirovograd."

"The Israel Government has been guilty of many armed attacks against neighbouring Arab countries," the broadcast continued. "The Israel army, incited by capitalists of the U.S., Britain and France, attacked Egypt at the end of October, 1956. As a result of this aggression, many towns and villages were destroyed, thousands of innocent people were killed and wounded, and great material losses were caused to Egypt. In 1957, the Israel Government announced its accession to the Dulles-Eisenhower Doctrine, and thus handed over the country to the American imperialists."

Ike's 'State of Union' Message for Jan. 9

GETTYSBURG, Penn. (Reuter). — President Eisenhower will deliver his annual State of the Union message to Congress on January 9, it was announced here on Tuesday. The 86th Congress will convene on January 7.

The Presidential press secretary, Mr. James Hagerty, said Mr. Eisenhower's address would not only review the administration's programmes, but would also survey the "state of the world."

Alaska Becomes 49th State This Week

GETTYSBURG, Pennsylvania (Reuter). — The White House has announced that Alaska will become the 49th State of the U.S. this week. The Presidential press secretary, Mr. James Hagerty, said a proclamation to that effect by President Eisenhower would be issued together with an executive order changing the design of the national flag, which at present has 48 stars.

U.S. TO RE-PLAN AID TO LIBYA

BENGAZI (Reuter). — U.S. and Libyan officials will meet here next month to consider a reorganization of U.S. financial aid, official sources said here on Tuesday. The talks will follow recent press criticism of the way U.S. aid to Libya is being dispensed. Most of the aid now goes through American agencies.

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On the 30th day after the death of

Yitzhak Chizik ז"ל

we will visit his grave on Thursday, 21st day of Tevet, January 1, at Kiryat Gat.
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(Advt.)

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Social & Personal

The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. P. Sapir, on Tuesday visited Jaffa and was shown round the Bassa industrial area by Deputy Mayor A. Shechterman, head of the Jaffa Administration.

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The Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School announces the following promotions: Dr. A. A. Druckmann, from Associate Professor to Professor of Roentgenology; Dr. M. Finkelstein, from Lecturer to Associate Professor of Endocrinology; Dr. D. Birnbaum, from Instructor to Lecturer in Medicine; and Dr. H. Cohen, from Instructor to Lecturer in Dermatology and Venereology; Dr. D. Diengott has been appointed Clinical Lecturer in Medicine.

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Members of the Youth for Christ group from New York, headed by Dr. T. Engstrom, visited the Hebrew University on Tuesday.

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Mr. Yitzhak Rokach is to speak on "Mission for Citrus" at the Haifa Rotary Club, Appinger Hotel, at 1.15 p.m. today (Wednesday).

Herdsmen Meet Today After Good Year

HAIFA. — Speedy progress of the country's beef cattle herds, now threatened by drought, will be reported on Wednesday (today) at the third national conference of the Association of Israel Beef Cattle Breeders.

Mr. Shmuel Zamri and Mr. Moshe Feffer told the press on Tuesday that the Association's members manage 121 herds, with 22,000 head, on 700,000 dunams of natural pasture. They are augmented by 15,000 calves from dairy herds.

This year, the herds provided 9,500 tons of beef on the hoof, yielding about 5,000 tons of meat — almost four times as much as in 1956. The cattle get 65-70 per cent of their feed from their pastures. Only one third of the available two million dunams are exploited and the herdsmen believe that the number of cattle can easily be raised to 100,000 during the next 10 years, to provide a weekly 100 grams of beef for each Israeli.

The breeders sell beef on the hoof at IL2.400 to IL2.700 per kilo. As nearly half is offal, the wholesale price of meat now stands at over IL5.

The cowboys are perturbed about the weather. If no rain falls during the next fortnight, they fear that they will have to slaughter one-third of their herds.

Haifa Mothers Protest Clinic's Closing

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA. — About two dozen indignant mothers gathered at the dental clinic of the Municipal Education Department in Rehov Yerushalayim on Tuesday to protest against its being closed five months ago because of a labour dispute. In July, the Municipality dismissed a woman dentist employed at the clinic for reasons which the local Dentists Association considered insufficient. The Association will not permit any other dentist to take the job.

The clinic has been treating some 800 children. The parents have agreed to pay the Department IL80 for the care.

GERMAN WOMAN TO BE DEPORTED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police are taking all steps to have Marianne Esther Fachner, the 28-year-old German national wanted by Interpol, deported to Germany, the Police spokesman said on Tuesday night.

Until her deportation, she will be held at Neve Tirza, the women's prison at Ramle. She was detained on Sunday night by Jerusalem police, after being expelled from Jordan.

The Ministry of the Interior has issued an expulsion order.

THE EIGHT Arabs whom Syria expelled to Israel last Saturday were remanded in custody for 15 days by Magistrate Y. Ben-Zeev in Tiberias on Tuesday. All residents of Tuba village in Upper Galilee, they are charged with leaving the country illegally and with having con[tact with] an enemy state.

LYDDA AIRPORT FLIGHTS

ARRIVALS: KLM 535 from Amsterdam and Rome at 2130. BEA 126 from London, Rome and Athens at 2230. TWA 800 from New York, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Rome and Athens at 0030. Cyprus Airways 32 from London, Rome, Ankara, Istanbul and Nicosia at 0055. Swissair 330 from Zurich and Athens at 0055. Air France 138 from Paris and Rome at 0115.

DEPARTURES: Cyprus Airways 25 to Nicosia, Athens, Zurich and London at 0800. El Al 415 to Vienna, Cologne and Amsterdam at 0830. Air France 137 to Rome and Paris at 1100. El Al 413 to Zurich, Paris and London at 1130. Air France 138 to Teheran at 2400.

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Ashkelon Loses Museum, Polishes Its Antiquities

By PHILIP GILLON, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ashkelon Museum is to close today (Wednesday), in accordance with a notice given by the Afridar Housing Corporation. After the flourish of trumpets with which it was opened it is perhaps ironical that it will "end, not with a bang, but a whimper," without a Very Important Person from abroad, or even from Israel, to deliver the funeral oration.

There is also room for cynical reflection in the thought that only two months ago Mr. Samuel Rubin of the American-Israel Cultural Foundation was busy opening new cultural centres in Kiryat Gat, Nehora and Sderot, while one in existence nearby was being allowed to languish.

The Museum is apparently a casualty of the decision of South African Jewry to transfer its holdings in Ashkelon to the Israel Government, although the people of Ashkelon were given an impression at the time that there would be no diminution in amenities.

The Government representative considers that the entire Civic and Commercial Centre built in Ashkelon by the South Africans should pass over to the Municipality; the Municipality contends that it has no budget for such "luxuries" as a museum and is prepared to accept the asset only if the present tenants, the Society of Friends of the Ashkelon Museum, are ejected.

The Municipality's programme is to transfer the library from its present site into the Museum so as to make room in the present library for the Post Office branch, thus freeing the authorities from the necessity of building new accommodation for the Post Office, which is at present housed in an utterly inadequate office.

In fact, the original plan of the Ashkelon Community Centre did not provide for a combination Archaeological Museum and Art Gallery, but the late Dr. Sonnabend, first Mayor of Ashkelon and former Managing Director of the Afridar Housing Corporation, a fanatical lover of culture, "remoulded things nearer to his heart's desire" and established one of the best designed and attractive spots in the country. In the four-and-a-half years that have passed since the Civic Centre was opened in an elaborate festival, thousands of tourists have visited the Museum as one of Ashkelon's main attractions. It has been a "must" in the book of every guide. It has also served the community as a meeting place for the local Rotary and Histadrut clubs and other cultural organizations.

The Philistines Return

Curiously enough, while this tourist attraction is being closed for lack of the few pounds needed to maintain it, hundreds of thousands of pounds are being made available through the Government Tourist Corporation to improve Ashkelon as a tourist attraction by some vigorous if rather dubious alterations to the Antiquities Area. Most tourists will probably welcome the easier accessibility of the ancient port and the storage chamber and wall by the laying of roads, although the more romantic will deplore the elimination of one of the country's few wild spots. Furthermore, as a visiting botanist pointed out, the idea of clearing away the natural vegetation and laying down grass — involving the installation of an expensive irrigation system — seems extremely curious at a time when everyone is warning of the national shortage of water. But no doubt those in charge of this conversion of "jungle" to genteelly civilized lawn know what the tourist wants to see.

Furthermore, the erection of walls in imitation Crusader style, with capitals and pieces of column artfully inserted to suggest the ancients' method of reinforcing, suggests to the fastidious that all we need is a "Ye Olde Crusader Tea Kioske" to round off an excess of late Victorian vulgarity. A visitor from Cambridge University who had seen the original area was so aghast that she declared: "The Philistines are back in Ashkelon!"

Still, we must not dispute about tastes: imitation walls will no doubt delight some tourist as a contrast to Miami. Yet it does seem a pity that a minute proportion of the fortune which is being spent on the "improvements" cannot be diverted to keep the existing attractions open.

In the meanwhile the Department of Antiquities has already removed the exhibits to Jerusalem.

German Film on Israel Has Private Showing

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Film Censorship Board on Tuesday afternoon arranged a private showing for 30 senior Government officials of the German-made film "Garden of Eden and the Melting Pot."

The film, which runs more than an hour, is in colour and describes various aspects of life in Israel.

The narration is in German.

Among those present were the Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol; the State Comptroller, Dr. S. Moses; the head of the Israel Reparation Mission, Dr. F. E. Shinnar, and the Secretary of Mapai, Dr. Giora Josephthal.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
322, 249, 33.3 & 41.7 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.35, 7.00 and 7.58 a.m., 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m.

English: 2.00 p.m. French: 2.15 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service (R). 6.37 Exercises. 6.47 Musical Clock (R). 7.17 Morning Melodies. 8.00 Close Down.

11.00 a.m. Popular Concert: Auber: Overture "The Crown Diamonds"; Moussorgsky: "Night on the Bare Mountain"; Brahms: Hungarian Dance No. 6; Haydn: Symphony No. 55 in E-flat major; Balakirev: Overture on Russian Themes. 12.00 Women's Programme. 12.15 Lunchtime Music. 1.00 Light Music, played by the Kol Yisrael Orchestra. 1.45 "Where to Go?" 1.50 Light Music. 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. News in English, Swedish and Spanish. 5.05 Popular Songs and Melodies. 5.30 "Oriental Troupes." 6.00 Youth Corner. 6.30 Talk by David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel. 6.45 Hebrew Language Corner. 7.30 "Rou Ami." 7.35 "Regavim" — Agricultural Bag. 7.55 Cantoral Requests. 8.25 "New Worlds" ed. by Y. Ben-Herzl. 8.50 Bible Reading: Yeshayahu — Chap. 27 & 28. 9.10 Political Comment. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 "Jamaica" — Musical Show. 10.00 Laura Shur: Scarlatti: Two Sonatas; Haydn: Sonata in C minor; Debussy: "Jardins sous la Pluie"; Bloch: "Visions and Prophecies." 10.30 Jazz Tunes. 10.45 "The Week in U.N." 11.00 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
422, 460, 292.7, 41.7 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 Israel Composers: Yitzhak Edel: 1) Horra and Israel Dance for Orchestra; 2) Folk Suite for Orchestra; 3) Capriccio and Madrigal for Violin and Piano. 6.30 Mishna Lesson. 6.50 B'ohalei Torah.

7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Hebrew-Yiddish Lesson. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Rumanian. 9.15 Hungarian. 9.30 Polish. 9.45 News in English. 10.00 Close Down.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
407 & 41.67 M.

Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30—7.15 a.m. 1.15—2.15 and 5.30—11.15 p.m. Persian 5.15 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): Programme to South Africa: 6.30 News. 6.40 Topical Talk—Moshe Pearlman. 6.45 "Land of the Bible."

Programme to the U.K.: 10.15 News. 10.25 Topical Talk. 10.30 Newsreel.

ARMY PROGRAMME (48.4, 216, 225 & 235 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Request Favourites. 7.00 News. 7.15 Light Music quiz. 7.45 "Pleasant Tune." 8.00 "Among the Flags." 8.30 Programme on Gershwin. 9.00 News. 9.15 Weekly Symphony, Khatchaturian & Rossini-Respighi. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (13.80, 16.84 & 24.80): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News. News Talk. Matters of Jewish interest.

MUSIC U.S.A. (19 & 25 M.): Voice of America: 9.00—11.00 p.m. Light music & jazz.

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English Programme (434 & 495 M.): 7.45 a.m. News. 12.30 p.m. Midday Melodies. 2.15 News. 4.30 Max Jaffa & his Orchestra. 7.00 News and Commentary. 7.15 "Diorama". 10.00 "The Golden Age of Popular Song." 10.30 "From My Library." 11.00 News. 11.10 Dance Music till midnight. 12.00 Happy New Year.

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Where to go

• Meet the Israeli: — Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Office, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

• Zoo: — Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. 8-6.

• Exhibitions: — New Exhibitions: 10 Years of Archaeological Activities, 1948-1958. Special Exhibition: New excavations at Kabri and Ahziv. Department of Antiquities, 35 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1, 3-5. Permanent exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial Art. Expressionism. Jewish artists (from Museum Collection). Archaeological pieces. Samples of primitive sculpture. Bezalel Museum 9-1; 2.30-5.

Exhibition of Oil Paintings and Monotypes by David Ben Shaul, Artists' House. 10-1; 4-6.

• Tours: — Hebrew University conducted tour in English, daily at 12 noon, New University Campus.

Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting at 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club, Straus Health Centre.

• Entertainment: — Les Ballets Africains de Keita Fodeba, Edison, 9.

• Film Shows: — Israel Films daily, 11.30 Keren Hayesod Hall.

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• Restaurants: — Italian specialities. Lunch, Dinner. Luky's Bar Restaurant, 2 Allenby Rd. First Class Italian menu at IL3. Phone 23752.

• Zoological Gardens: — Open between 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

• Exhibitions: — Ya'acov Agam: "Paintings in Movement—Transformable Painting." Biblical Illustrations, Marc Chagall. Tel Aviv Museum, 10-4. Paintings by Sarah Glicksman-Faitlowicz. Artists' Pavilion, 9 Rehov Alharizi. 10-1; 4-7. Painters and Sculptors Gallery, Hamlin House, 26 Rehov Weizmann. 10-1; 4-7.

• Theatre: — Habimah, "Hanna Senesh," 8. "Lysistrata," 8. Cameri: "Look Homeward, Angel," 8. Ohel: "Black Sabbath," (Sold out). 8.

• Entertainment: — Dzigan & Shumacher: "Zeh vi du gehst," 100th performance. Ohel Shem, 8.30.

• Tourist Service: — Visit Hadassah Club, 80 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 23339. Wizo Club, 91 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 26825, 8-2 p.m.

• Z.O.A. House: — Tourist Service (9 a.m.—9 p.m.) daily.

HAIFA

• Tourist Service: — Hadassah Club, Youth Aliyah Offices, 32 Rehov Hehalutz, Tel. 67955.

• Exhibitions: — Consumer goods exhibition: lighting fixtures, lamps, fabrics and toys. Industrial Design Exhibition Centre, Beit Hakranot, 10-1; 4-7.

• Lecture: — D.B. Malkin on: "Portraits of Women in the 20th Century's Novel," James de Rothschild Youth and Community Centre, Central Carmel, 8.30 p.m.

HOLON

• Theatre: — "The Respectful Prostitute," 8.

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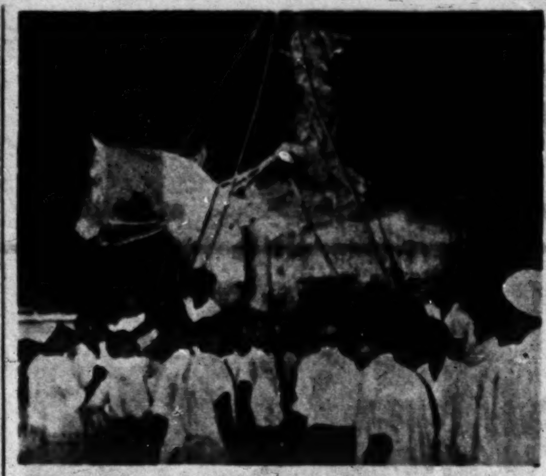

Back to London go statues of General Gordon and Lord Kitchener, conquerors of Sudan, after having stood for many years in Khartoum. A large crowd gathered as equestrian figure of Kitchener was lowered from pedestal at night. Statues will be stored in a museum. UPI Photo

Insulation, 98% Air, Exported Via Eilat

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA.—The loading of 600 cu. meters of Kal Kar insulating board for export to the East has been completed in the s.s. Else Nielsen in Eilat. Mr. B. Ra'anani, Managing Director of the Acre plant that makes the board, told correspondents that another 400 cu. m. of the order will be shipped in another vessel.

The added value of the export tops 60 per cent. It is Kal Kar's first export through Eilat.

The insulating board, made according to a Swiss-German patent, is produced from grains of polystyrene imported from Germany. It contains 98.5 per cent air, is extremely light, but still water repellent.

While most of the boards go for export, they are now also extensively used here, especially in the construction of cold storage plants, Mr. Ra'anani said. They are also used for roof insulation of dwelling houses, repelling heat 20 times more effectively than concrete.

The boards have also been successfully tested for soundproofing of flats; a thin layer under the floor tiles of the flat above costs IL25 per standard size room.

Bright Lights For Jerusalem Nights

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Municipality is now installing 617 new street lights.

They are being installed as follows: Sd. Herzl from the Hamekasher Garage to Beit Hakerem, 52 lights; Lower Lifta, 45; Rehov Jaffa from Rehov Haturim to the Mahane Yehuda police station, 23; Rehov Ben Yehuda, 12; Shlomzion Hamalka, 12; Hebron Road from Abu Tor to the entrance to Talpiot, 50; Emek Refaim, 50; Meah Shearim, 36; Straus, 23; Yehezkiel, 20; Beit Safafa, 17; Ein Kerem, 23; Rahel Imenu, Rehov Hapalmah, to Kikar Wingate, 65; Gaza, 40; David Hamelech from the David Bros. Building to the railway station, 50; various other places in the city, 100.

Three years ago there were 1,460 street lights in Jerusalem. Today, there are 3,000 and it is hoped that the number will rise to 6,000 within a few years.

The Municipality has also approved in principle a plan to install electric bridges between the water pipes belonging to householders and the mains for earthing purposes. These bridges would by-pass the water meter so that if it is removed, the ground wires of electrical equipment would continue to function. It is estimated that it will cost IL33,000 to by-pass the city's 11,000 meters.

High Premium On Nuts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The export premium on ground nuts has been raised by 100 pruta to IL1.200 per dollar of added value, it was announced in Jerusalem on Monday by the spokesman of the Ministry of Agriculture.

This is the highest export premium which the Government has approved and hitherto it was granted only for exports to West Africa. The regular export premium is 850 pruta per dollar of added value.

The spokesman of the Groundnuts Marketing Board has signed contracts for the sale of 3,700 tons abroad and has already shipped 2,000 tons. The area under groundnuts this year is about 40,000 dunams and the crop is estimated at between 13,000 and 14,000 tons. The spokesman said it was hoped that, with the increased premium, total exports would reach last year's figure of 5,400 tons.

Miromit to Produce New Air-Coolers

TEL AVIV. — The manufacture of a new type of air-cooler by Mirocool, the Air-Cooling Division of Miromit Ashkelon Metal Products was announced on Wednesday by Mr. Harold Stutzen, the firm's Managing Director. The unit will be manufactured in two sizes: a large unit for the cooling of complete flats and a smaller unit for the cooling of single rooms and offices on an economical basis.

Miromit has succeeded after lengthy negotiations in obtaining the manufacturing rights from the well known California firm, Utility Appliance Corp. of Los Angeles, which has developed this type of air cooler over the past 15 years.

Mr. P. Pollitzer, head of the new Division who studied the manufacturing processes on the spot at the plant in California, explained that just as a good carburettor on a car mixes the correct amount of petrol and air, the primary problem of the cooler is to mix water with air in such a way that will result in the maximum cooling with the minimum of water supply. By using special U.S. filter materials, Mirocool hopes to change the whole concept of cooling in the southern parts of the country.

U.S. Clergymen Here on Tour

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three American clergymen crossed the lines at Mandelbaum Gate into Israel on Sunday for a week's tour of the country.

Rev. Charles Phillips of the First Unitarian Church of Omaha, Nebraska; Rev. Alton Snyder, of the West Side Baptist Church of Wichita, Kansas; and Rev. Stanley Slingerland of the Flatlands Dutch Reform Church of Brooklyn, arrived in the Old City from a trip to Egypt, Syria and the Lebanon. On Monday, they visited the Hebrew University and Hadassah institutions in Jerusalem, and had interviews with Chief Rabbi Herzog and Prof. Martin Buber. They are now touring Galilee.

ADVERTISING. — A total of $1,420m. was spent in television advertising and $641m. on radio advertising in the United States this year, the National Association of Broadcasters has reported.

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King Midas' Palace Found, but No Gold

CINCINNATI, Ohio (Reuter) A group of American archaeologists believe they have found the palace of King Midas whose touch, in the legend, turned everything into gold.

In a report prepared for delivery to the Archaeological Institute of America, Dr. M. Mellink, leader of a recent expedition to a site at Gordion, Turkey, said that Midas was a real king, extremely wealthy, who lived about 715 years B.C.E. He was a ruler of Phrygia, now part of Turkey.

Dr. Mellink said his expedition had been digging at Gordion, believed to be the site of Midas' palace, last summer, and had reached what they thought was the palace itself. "We think we will get started on it next summer," he said. "What we hope for in our search is not the gold, but Midas' archives. They ought to add immensely to our knowledge of the Phrygian language."

40% of High School Teachers Have Degrees

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Out of 1,519 teachers in regular secondary schools, only 605 have university degrees, Dr. M. Ziv, Director, Division of Secondary Education, revealed at a recent meeting of the Education Committee of the Ministry of Education.

(Though secondary school teachers are supposed to have a B.A. degree to teach in ninth and tenth grades and an M.A. for eleventh and twelfth in order to obtain a permanent teacher's certificate, the Ministry two years ago issued a directive granting a certificate to teachers with five years' experience in secondary schools. The directive, which is still in force, also required these teachers to take refresher courses and then an examination to have their certificates approved, but owing to the rapid growth of secondary school education, this was largely disregarded, the Ministry spokesman explained.)

Dr. Ziv complained to the Committee of the general trend among graduates of institutions of higher learning to take up other work instead of teaching, leaving the high schools poorly staffed as to both quantity and quality of teaching recruits. Moreover, he said, the growing gap between rapidly advancing scientific research and the standard of teaching in secondary schools makes an intensive programme of further study for teachers urgent.

Dr. H. Ormian, Director, Division of Teachers' Training, stated that the proportion of women high school teachers is increasing, resulting in a "one-sided influence." Seminars and courses have been set up to encourage men to train as teachers in the higher grades, and good work was being done in this field in the Army, he said.

Enrollment At Technion Soars

HAIFA. — The number of students at the Technion is now the largest in the institution's history — 2,344. The Technion spokesman announced on Tuesday that this figure does not include 800 students at the Institute's Technical High School or the men and women from all parts of Israel who have registered for extension courses.

If these are included, the number of students tops 4,000.

There are 232 candidates for the Master's degree and 69 for the Ph. D.

In 1948, the Technion had only 678 students.

Religious Grade Schools Better Attended in J'lem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Slightly more than half of all the elementary school pupils in Jerusalem attend religious schools, according to a recent Municipality report.

Of the 26,638 pupils registered this year, 12,651 (47.5%) attend Government secular schools; 9,064 (34%) attend Government Religious School, and 4,923 pupils (18.5%) attend Independent (Agudat Yisrael) schools.

Last year 48.03 per cent attended State secular schools. The proportion attending secular kindergartens is about 50 per cent.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM
3.30, 6.45, 8.45

ARNON: This Happy Feeling.
EDEN: Dunkirk.
OR GIL: The Best Years of Our Lives. 6, 8.45.
ORION: Montparnasse 19.
ORNA: Fraulein.
RON: Les Bijoutiers du Clair de Lune. (The Night Heaven Fell).
SEMADAR: For Whom The Bell Tolls.
TEL OR: Oeil pour oeil (An Eye for an Eye).
ZION: The Joker is Wild.
EDISON: The Right To Be Born.
STUDIO: A Face in the Crowd.

TEL AVIV
3.30, 7.15, 9.15

ALLENBY: This Angry Age.
ARMON DAVID: South Sea Woman.
CHEN: Around the World in 80 Days.
EDEN: Gazal el-Banat.
ESTHER: The Brothers Karamasov.
GAT: Indiscreet.
MAXIM: Indiscreet.
MERKAZ: L'Ultima Violenza.
MOGRABI: The Bridge on the River Kwai.
MIGDALOR: La Chatte.
OPHIR: Le Gorille vous salue bien.
ORION: Les amants.
PEER: Therese Etienne.
SHDEROTH: Giant.
TAMAR: The Great Dictator.
TEL AVIV: Mardi Gras.
TCHELET: Oklahoma.
YARON: The Badlanders.
ZAFON: Othello.
ZAMIR: Wuthering Heights.

HAIFA
3.30, 6.45, 9

ORION: The Mark of the Hawk.
PEER: Desire Under The Elms.
ARMON: Around the World in 80 Days.
ATZMON: The Happy Road.
GAL OR: Santa Fe Passage.
MORIAH: Le Notti di Cabiria.
EN DOR: Viva Las Vegas.
ORLY: L'amant de Lady Chatterley (Lady Chatterley's Lover).
AMPHITHEATRE: The Hunters.
MAY: Raintree County.
ORAH: La traversée de Paris.

Tiberias Hapoel Moving Up

TEL AVIV. — The Football Association's High Court has ruled that Tiberias Hapoel should be promoted to League A this next season, irrespective of its standing in League B this season.

Tiberias Hapoel led League B last year and would have gone up to League A but for a F.A. decision to freeze the leagues because of various disputes. Among those who appeared before the court on behalf of the team was Tiberias Mayor Moshe Tzahar.

AMERICANS WIN MEN'S DOUBLES

BRISBANE (Reuter). — The U.S. took a 2-1 lead over Australia in the Davis Cup challenge round on Tuesday when Ham Richardson and Alex Olmedo beat Mal Anderson and Neale Fraser 10-12, 3-6, 16-14, 6-3, 7-5.

The U.S. now needs to win only one of today's two concluding singles matches to regain the cup which they lost to Australia in 1955.

French Boite Opens in J'lem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A French *boite de nuit* opened in Jerusalem's German Colony last week in the Gil Bar, the former U.N. International Club. Its name remains unchanged.

Owners Alfred Bridki, formerly of the Panorama and Bar 51, in Tel Aviv, and Moshe Baron of the Istanbul Cafe in Jerusalem, promised to bring international talent to the Capital. The first performer is the French singer Jean Blondau.

Les Ballets Africains

JERUSALEM, Tonight, Dec. 31.
JERUSALEM, Tomorrow, Jan. 1, at 4 and 9 p.m.
HADERA, Fri. Jan. 2.
RISHON LEZION, Sat. night, Jan. 3 at 6.30 and 9.15 p.m.
AFULA, Sun. Jan. 4.
RAMAT GAN, Rama, Mon. Jan. 5.
NATANYA, Tues. Jan. 6.
HAIFA, Orah, Wed. Jan. 7.
HAIFA, Orah, Jan. 8, at 4 and 9 p.m.
KIRYAT HAIM, Fri., Jan. 9.
TEL AVIV, "Ohel-Shem," Sat. Jan. 10, 2 perf. 6.30—9.15
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DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA, P.B. 365/58

In the matter of the late Annie Lurie, formerly Perlmann, born Astasinsky, of Johannesburg, deceased at Johannesburg on April 18, 1958.

Petitioners: Barnett Lurie, of Johannesburg, represented by D.B. Kessovsky-Shahor, Advocate, of 120 Allenby Road, Tel Aviv.

Let it be known that the Petitioners have applied to this Court for an order declaring the succession of the said deceased.

We hereby summon all persons to appear in this Court within 10 days from the date of publication hereof, and show cause, if any they have, why an order declaring the succession of the said deceased should not be made, otherwise such order will be made as to the Court seems right.

S. RAZI — Registrar
Dated December 25, 1958.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

DECEMBER 30, 1958

Pop. Loan 1949/69 (IL1.10)	96
6% Comp. Loan 58/67	71
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. 1	96½
3½% Comp. Loan	67¾
3½% War Loan 54/69	97½
3½% Tavel Dollar x)	101
6% Reg. Sterling "A"	100
Def. Loan Bonds 6½% f)	105
6½% Def. Bonds f)	105½
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6½% Loc. O. Debs. f)	102½
6½% Loc. O. Debs. g)	102½
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Ldn.)	283
6½% Bonds 58/65 f)	104
ditto g)	110
Keren Hayesod	
6½% Deb. 58/65 f)	108
ditto g)	105
6% Deb. 59/68 f)	103½
ditto g)	102½
Igroth 6½% Deb. 58/65	102½
Rassco 6½% Deb. 58/65	
Class "A" f)	108
Class "B" g)	109
Rassco 6% pref. ord. sh.	88
Bk. Leumi ord. sh.	148
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Ord. sh. 'B' reg.	101½
Ata ord. 'B' sh.	82½
"Kurdaneh" ord. 'B'	82½
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"Tova" ord. sh.	83
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Pasa 4% debs. 40/64 reg.	80
Bizur 4% debs. 56/65	88½
Nir 5% pref. sh.	91½
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Notice to the Public

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Admission free. The public is invited.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES

Owners of motor vehicles of the types detailed below are hereby notified that, in accordance with regulations published in Kovetz Hatakanot No. 853 of December 8, 1958, they will be entitled to pay the minimum taxes on their vehicles in force until December 8, 1958, on condition that these taxes are paid not later than March 31, 1959.

(a) Motor vehicles models of and up to 1955 (used vehicles only);

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S. GAFNI,
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Today's Postbags

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FORECAST: Slightly cloudy.

Weather Synopsis: A barometric high extends from Spain to Turkey.

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Mt. Cana'an	—	7	14	15
Tiberias	53	12	23	23
Haifa Port	60	15	20	21
Natanya	56	13	21	23
Tel Aviv Kirya	55	13	21	23
Tel Aviv Port	63	13	19	20
Lydda Airport	51	10	21	23
Jerusalem	30	10	15	16
Beersheba	35	8	19	20
Sdom	46	14	23	24
Eilat	35	11	21	23

A) Humidity at 6 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Charles S. Rhyne, President of the U.S. Bar Association, for a two-day visit as part of a general Asian tour.

DEPARTURES

Mr. I. Meimeda, Managing Director of Imperial Chemical Industries (Israel) Ltd., on a three-week business trip to London.

Mr. Shinichi Yuizo, the koto virtuoso and composer, and Mr. Hozan Yamamoto, leading young shakuhachi player, to Tokyo, after a fortnight in Israel during which they gave a series of goodwill recitals, (by Air France).

Mr. Ezra Omer, of the Mekorot Water Company, for a three-month visit to South Africa on behalf of the Israel-America Bank, (by El Al).

19 IMMIGRANTS from Eastern Europe arrived at Lydda Airport on Tuesday by Olympic Airways.

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TWO GROUPS of 26 Christian pilgrims who had spent Christmas in Bethlehem left Lydda Airport on Tuesday to return to Rome and Frankfurt.

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OVER 100 casual employees of the Ramat Gan Municipality late Tuesday night agreed to return to work this morning (Wednesday), after a meeting with their Labour Council and the Government Labour Relations Officer, Mr. D. Katz. They accepted Mr. Katz's proposals, which include an immediate 15 per cent wage increase.

14-Storey Dwellings Planned in Beersheba

By H. BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The Town Planning Commission on Tuesday approved plans for a model neighbourhood of 4,000 units which will boast three of the tallest buildings in Israel — 14-storey apartment houses.

The neighbourhood, which will be built by the Housing Division of the Ministry of Labour "when funds become available," will have cooking gas piped to the houses and hot water supplied centrally from a solar heating system. Flats in the taller buildings, which will have elevators, will be earmarked for single persons and families without children.

The project will go up next to the railway line at the northern approaches to Beersheba.

The neighbourhood will also have three dwelling houses four storeys high and 250 metres long and a community shopping centre.

Little Theatre Shows 'The Fourposter'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Warm applause greeted the Little Theatre's production of Jan de Hartog's comedy, "The Fourposter," at Z.O.A. House on Tuesday evening. This is the Little Theatre's first production.

The play, which has only two characters, concerns the life and trials of a married couple. The single set shows a bedroom with a fourposter bed.

The two actors are Mrs. Zipporah Peled and Mr. Stanley Broza.

Among the audience were the British Ambassador and Lady Rundall, the American Charge d'Affaires and Mrs. Baxter and other members of the Diplomatic Corps.

Blum, Veteran Shomer, Dies in Accident

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NATANYA.—Shimshon Blum, 72, one of the country's veteran *shomrim*, was run over on the road to Beit Lid by a truck on Tuesday and fatally injured. He died later in Beilinson Hospital. The driver of the vehicle, Ezra Sofer, of Haifa, was arrested.

The funeral will take place here at 2 p.m. on Wednesday (today). Blum, who was born in Rosh Pina, one of whose founders was his father, leaves two sons and two daughters, one of the latter living in the U.S.

President Greets Christian Leaders on New Year

By CHRIS ELIOU, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Fifteen of Israel's Christian religious leaders gathered at Beit Hanassi on Tuesday to receive President Ben-Zvi's Christmas greetings.

Led by the head of the Greek Catholic Church in Israel, Mgr. George Hakim, the clergymen, resplendent in their formal black and red robes and cassocks, spent an hour mingling with the other invited guests.

The President opened the reception with a message in Hebrew wishing the clergymen a Happy New Year. He concluded his remarks with a quotation from the vision of the Prophet Amos:

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the ploughman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt: And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall not be pulled up out of their land."

Meet President

Dr. S. Colbi, Director of the Department for Christian Communities in the Ministry for Religious Affairs, then presented the clergymen individually to the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi, and to the Minister for Religious Affairs, Rabbi Y. Toledano, and the Minister of Police, Mr. B. Shitreet.

After his formal address the President chatted with the invited church leaders, addressing each one in his own togue, using Arabic, Turkish and Russian. Mrs. Ben-Zvi, meanwhile, spoke in Russian with the Archimandrite Nicodim, head of the Russian Mission.

At one point, the Deputy Vicar-General of the Latin Patriarch, Rev. John Kaldani, was heard speaking Hebrew with the Russian Archimandrite, (Rev. Kaldani represented Mgr. Antonio Vergani, who was taken ill and could not attend).

Clergymen Present

The other clergymen present were Archbishop Isidoros, Greek Orthodox Metropolitan of Nazareth; Rev. Leo Rudolf, O.S.B., Abbot of the Dormition Abbey; Archimandrite Paken Abadian, Superior of the Armenian Convent; Rev. Canon H.R.A. Jones, Anglican Church; Rev. Gardiner Scott, Moderator St. Andrew's Church, Church of Scotland; Rev. Dr. Robert Lindsay, Baptist Convention in Israel; Rev. Magne Solheim, Representative of the World Lutheran Council; Mr. Leslie Putnam, Secretary-General of the Y.M.C.A.; Rev. Rafiq Farah, Chairman of the Evangelical Episcopal Society in Israel; Rev. Jacques Raad, Superior of the Maronite Convent; Rev. Estafan-el-Anthony, Superior of the Coptic Convent, and Rev. Abba Gabremarian, of the "Debra Gennet" Abyssinian Convent.

Among the guests were Mayor Gershon Agron of Jerusalem; the President of the Hebrew University, Prof. B. Mazar; Mr. S.B. Yeshaya, the Jerusalem District Representative; Mr. Raphael Levy, Jerusalem District Officer; Dr. C. Vardi, of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, and Mr. Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Foreign Ministry.

More Than 26,000 Immigrated in 1958

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The tentative immigration figure for 1958 is estimated at over 26,000, according to the Jewish Agency. This compares with: 1957—67,281; 1956 — 54,925; 1955—37,526; 1954—17,471; 1953 — 10,355; 1952 — 23,000; 1951 — 174,000; 1950 — 169,430, and 1949, the peak immigration year — 239,171.

Of the passing year's aliya, over 11,000 came during the latter three months, and this rate is continuing, the Agency pointed out. About half—some 13,000 — of 1958's immigrants came from Eastern Europe; 7,529 from Asian countries; 4,000 from African countries (mostly North Africa); more than 800 from South America, and 720 from Western Europe. Immigration from the U.S. and Canada amounted to 300.

State Land Law To Go Before Cabinet

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ten-Man Committee representing the Government, the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund has unanimously approved the proposed basic law on State lands and the charter to be signed between the Government and the J.N.F., the Finance Ministry's spokesman announced in Jerusalem on Tuesday.

The law and charter will now go to the Cabinet for approval, before being tabled in the Knesset.

The basic law deals with the division of functions between the Government—which will take over the administration of all State lands — and the Keren Kayemet — which will be concerned with land development and afforestation. The Government will set up a special authority to deal with the State lands; it has yet to be decided under which Ministry the new authority will come.

Two eleven-member councils will be set up to advise the Government Land Authority and the Jewish National Fund's Development Authority respectively. On the first, the Government will be represented by six members and the J.N.F. by five, while on the second, the Government will have five representatives and the J.N.F. six.

The 10 members of the Committee were: Government representatives — Ministers Eshkol, Lux, Bentov, Rosen and the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Z. Tzour. Jewish Agency representatives — Messrs. Shazar and Kol; J.N.F. representatives — Messrs. Weitz, Granott and Hazan.

10% Rise Urged For Citrus Workers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA. — The *Moshavot* Section of the Histadrut Agricultural Department on Tuesday decided in favour of an 800 pruta daily wage rise for unskilled labourers in citrus groves. At present they earn between IL7 and IL8 a day.

The decision was taken by the 18 votes of Mapai and Oved Hazioni against 12 votes of Mapam and Ahdut Ha'avoda.

The meeting was a continuation of the Department's session in Tel Aviv on Sunday which broke up after a delegation of workers organised by opposition parties tried to intervene.

The 800 pruta rise represents a 10 per cent increase as recommended by the Histadrut Executive last Thursday. The Ahdut Ha'avoda and Mapam factions demanded a 20 per cent rise for all farm labourers.

The Department also decided that its secretariat would work out "improvements" in wage scales for other categories of agricultural workers. This was also approved over the opposition of the Mapam and Ahdut Ha'avoda members.

Mr. M. Etzioni, Department chairman, in explaining the new policy, said that only the grove-owners could manage to meet the demands. The Department understood the difficulties of other branches of farming and would not press demands on them.

A Farmers' Federation spokesman in Tel Aviv on Tuesday evening condemned what he termed "discriminatory policy." He told *The Jerusalem Post* that the citrus growers' section of the Federation would oppose all wage demands not connected with increased output. Commenting on Mr. Etzioni's remarks, he said he did not see why peanut and cotton growers were in a worse economic position than citrus growers.

Feather Merchants Accused of Export Swindle

TEL AVIV. — Four feather exporters were released on IL20,000 bail each on Monday after being arraigned in the Magistrates Court on suspicion of illegally collecting IL335,000 in export premiums.

Magistrate Y. Treivish allowed publication of details of the case on Tuesday at the request of the Economic Police.

Three of the men, Reuven Gindel, Avraham Topiol and Zvi Baria — partners in the Israel Feather Company of Rehov Mizrahi, Tel Aviv — were arrested last Monday. Another partner, Eugene Milnar, was picked up this Monday.

Bail was set when the police offered no objection to their release.

The complaint against the men was lodged by the Ministries of Finance and Commerce after premiums were paid on the export of feathers from 400,000 geese, approximately $800,000 worth, between 1956 and 1958. A memorandum from the Ministry of Agriculture which pointed out that there were never more than 100,000 geese in the entire country aroused the suspicion of the export officials.

The police suspect that the men collected the premiums guaranteed in their export licences, on account of foreign currency derived from an illegal source, possibly smuggled money. They are certain, however, that it was not earned through the export of feathers.

As evidence of the latter claim, they produced records of one shipment of feathers, which they say is still lying in bond in a French Port 18 months after the accused are alleged to have collected the export premium for its sale. *(Itim)*

Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Haim Laskov reviewing a passing out parade of naval cadets on Tuesday at the Naval Academy "somewhere in Israel."

Gov't Replaces Bill On Special Levies

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Government on Tuesday withdrew from the Knesset its Special Levies Bill and put up for first reading a measure to extend for two years the Emergency Regulations (Compulsory Payments) law.

The Special Levies Bill passed its first reading early this year and was discussed in the Knesset Economic Committee. It would have given the Minister of Commerce and Industry powers to introduce special levies whenever he thought that excessive profits were being earned by any sector or enterprise. It would also have enabled the Minister to introduce not only general levies on a group of enterprises, but also personal levies.

The proposed measure was bitterly attacked by the Foreign Investors' Association and the Manufacturers' and Merchants' Associations, and representatives of these groups met with the Minister of Commerce and Industry to protest against it.

The Emergency Regulations (Compulsory Payments) law, which the Government wishes to extend for two years, is a temporary measure. The bill to prolong it will receive its second and third readings immediately as the present regulations expire tomorrow night (December 31).

Mrs. Meir Denies F.M. Hires Emigrants Abroad

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Foreign Minister Golda Meir denied in the Knesset on Tuesday that emigrants from Israel are employed in our diplomatic service abroad. She was replying to questions by Mr. I. Raphael (National Religious) and Mrs. R. Hektin (Ahdut Ha'avoda).

Mrs. Meir said that a number of holders of Israel passports, mainly students, are employed on a temporary basis (up to three years) if they can show a good reason for being abroad.

In general, Foreign Ministry personnel abroad are returned home after three or four years. Where exceptions are made, it is either to ensure maximum efficiency in diplomatic work or because of difficulties in finding replacements. When this happens it is generally against the wishes of the employee himself, Mrs. Meir said.

Replying to another question by Mr. Raphael, the Foreign Minister admitted that it had been a mistake to invite to the opening of the Afro-Asian Seminar on Cooperation, MK's of Histadrut parties alone. Although the Ministry had not prepared the list of persons invited, she was sure there had been no intention to discriminate against anyone.

While both the Foreign Ministry and the Labour Ministry had contributed to the expenses of the Seminar, the bulk of the budget was covered by the Histadrut.

Tel Aviv Budget To Finance Unit Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Municipal Budget for 1959/60 — IL58m. plus IL14m. for development — will be presented to the Municipal Finance Committee on Wednesday (today).

The Municipal Council was scheduled to debate Mayor Haim Levanon's budget speech on Wednesday afternoon, but as a result of protests from the Opposition parties, the Finance Committee will discuss it first.

The draft budget proposes no increase in rates.

18% of Offenders Held are Juveniles

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Eighteen out of every hundred offenders detained by police during the past year were juveniles. The figure has never been as high in the past decade. In 1951, it was exactly half, the head of the Police Investigations Department, Mr. Mattityahu Sela, told reporters on Tuesday

In Israel, boys under 16 and girls under 18 who commit crimes are considered as juvenile delinquents.

Mr. Sela said police will take all steps to reduce juvenile crime. "Teddy boys" should not be underrated, Mr. Sela said, as car thieving, their favourite offence, leads to more serious crimes.

Mr. Sela reported that the Inspector-General's proposal to transfer the Police Economic Department to the Finance Ministry, has been dropped, because the Ministry does not have the machinery to investigate such offences.

Since the police reorganization of last October, the Investigations Branch has been expanded. Each of the three police districts now has its own Investigations Department. The H.Q. Investigations Branch now only coordinates and controls the field work in the districts.

Health Insurance Here 'Not Too Expensive'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Health Minister Israel Barzilai, winding up the Knesset debate on hospital services on Tuesday, denied that an unduly large proportion of national income in Israel is spent on health insurance.

He said that the percentage in Israel was 4.6, as compared with 13.5 in Turkey; 9.1 in Yugoslavia; 5.3 in Greece; 5.2 in Japan; 5 in France, and 4.8 in Austria.

Mr. Barzilai also rebutted the charge (made by Dr. B. Avniel, Herut) that the contributions of employees to health insurance schemes in Israel were twice as much as anywhere else in the world.

Following Mr. Barzilai's speech, the debate was closed without any resolution being proposed.

The Knesset on Tuesday also concluded its debate on the Vegetable Production and Marketing Board Bill, which had been introduced on Monday.

Full Press Coverage Of Knesset Resumed

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Parliamentary correspondents are resuming normal coverage of the Knesset this morning (Wednesday). It was announced at a meeting of the Editors Committee at Beit Sokolov on Tuesday that the Presidium had agreed to participate in a joint Press-Knesset committee which would examine the new arrangements during a one month's trial period. In the meantime, the Knesset reporters will cover the full plenary sessions.

On Monday a week ago, the parliamentary correspondents sharply curtailed their coverage in protest against a Presidium regulation barring them from the old Knesset cafeteria during mealtimes. They charged that the restrictions unduly limited their contact with the Knesset Members.

The joint committee consists of Mr. David Bar-Rav-Hay, M.K. and the Clerk of the Knesset, Mr. Moshe Rosetti; Mr. T.R. Lurie, of the Editors' Committee Executive, and Mr. Moshe Ron, Secretary of the Israel Journalists Federation.

THREE CALVES valued at IL1,500 were stolen on Tuesday night from the barn of Mr. Z. Kamirsky of Rishon LeZion.

'Davar' and Becker Criticize Dayan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Criticism of the former Chief of Staff, Aluf Moshe Dayan, was voiced in "Davar," the Histadrut daily paper, on Tuesday, both in a leading article and in a report of a speech by Mr. A. Becker, Head of the Histadrut Trades Union Department.

While welcoming his non-conformist manner of attacking problems, the leading article took exception to his remarks about "those who have occupied the fifth floor of the Histadrut Executive Building for 30 years." (This is the floor with the offices of the Histadrut Secretary-General and Hevrat Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company).

The paper declared that "it is very possible that the 'heroic youth' (referred to by Aluf Dayan) understands economic and absorption problems less than those occupying the fifth floor. One can be an excellent sapper and a bad economist, as well as a very good economist and a very bad sapper.

"Talk of youth holding a rifle and dragging itself over the rocks in the defence of the homeland is out of place in this context." The paper feels that "to present the elected leaders of the Labour Movement in such a light is a falsification of the situation."

More Outspoken

Mr. Becker was even more outspoken in a speech at a reception for civil servants at Beit Tabori here. He rejected "ignorant assumptions" which he said were behind Aluf Dayan's demand to dismiss 5,000 civil servants. "The Histadrut is not opposed to dismissing redundant workers, but where does Dayan get this figure? Such a declaration casts aspersions on an entire profession which maintains the Government's services," Mr. Becker said.

The Histadrut knows how to defend the honour of the working-man and his right to work and rejects all uncomes from a man like Dayan, Becker said. Aluf Dayan, he said, preaches the doctrine of efficiency dismissals, something which he knows little about and which he never bothered to investigate fully. The Histadrut will never throw these workers on the labour dust heap after they have devoted all their lives to their work, he said.

"All talk of a total wage freeze is facile and meaningless," Mr. Becker pointed out. Economic independence, in as far as it depends on the workers, will be attained not by a wage freeze but by technical advance and increased output. "These cannot be achieved by commands or preaching alone, but by increasing the workers' social and material rewards," the Histadrut leader said.

Nurit Pilzer and her groom, Michael Walder, of Louisiana, at their wedding in Tel Aviv's Dan Hotel on Tuesday.

He Follows Sun, Finds Wife

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A young lawyer from the State of Louisiana took the advice in a tourist pamphlet advising travellers to "follow the sun to Israel" and found himself a wife here — the girl featured on the front cover of the brochure. On Tuesday, Mr. Michael Walder married Nurit Pilzer, 19, in the Dan Hotel after having enlisted the aid of the Tourist Corporation in meeting the girl, a Tel Aviv model.

Flying to Israel some time ago, Mr. Walder met, wooed and won Nurit. He left Israel several weeks ago to make final arrangements for the wedding. Meanwhile, Nurit set about getting her release as a corporal from the Army.

The bride is the daughter of a Tel Aviv cosmetician, Mrs. Hanse Pilzer.

The couple are leaving on a honeymoon trip around the world. They will settle in Alexandria, Louisiana, where Mr. Walder's father has a flourishing legal practice. Among the guests at the wedding was Mr. Albert Dehan, of the Government Tourist Corporation, who brought the two young people together.

HIRED DAN WORKERS BACK ON JOB

TEL AVIV. — Several hundred hired workers of the Dan Bus cooperative on Tuesday demonstrated outside the Tel Aviv Labour Council at Beit Brenner, but at noon went back to work. Several hundred hired employees of the Egged bus cooperative in Haifa, who went on a three hour solidarity strike, also returned to their jobs.

The Dan employees are demanding the grant of permanent status, and free bus tickets for their children.

The meeting between Dan, the Labour Council and the Employees' Committee scheduled for Tuesday has been postponed until Thursday.

A joint meeting of the secretariats of the Dan and Egged cooperatives' condemned the employees' threat of a strike for next Monday. The Egged spokesman said if the strike took place, it would hardly affect the company's services; the Dan company said it would do its utmost to provide all services in an efficient manner.

The joint statement of the cooperatives said they were ready to discuss the hired workers' demands at a joint meeting with the Labour Councils or with the Histadrut Trades Union Department.

The Dan spokesman said the workers would not be paid for time lost during their 24-hour strike.

President Hotel Gets Order Nisi on Kashrut

The Jerusalem Religious Council and the Jerusalem Rabbinate Office were on Tuesday ordered by the High Court of Justice to show cause why they should not grant a *kashrut* certificate to the President Hotel. The order *nisi* was issued on the request of the owners of the hotel, who claimed that the certificate was not renewed by the religious authorities following the participation of its manager, Mr. Haim Schiff, in the building of the mixed swimming pool in the German Colony.

Counsel for petitioners claimed that the Rabbinate had promised to restore the certificate if Mr. Schiff would sever his connections with the pool. He further claimed that the Rabbinate had broken their promise after Mr. Schiff had sold his share in the pool on the grounds that he could not be trusted to maintain *kashrut* at the hotel.

The petitioners also submitted a letter from Chief Rabbi Herzog sent to the Prime Minister before the building of the pool, in which he asked for financial support for the President Hotel as the only *kasher* hotel in Jerusalem. They added that the head of the *Kashrut* Section of the Jerusalem Rabbinate had later told them that, since then, more *kasher hotels* had opened, and that the President Hotel's *kashrut* certificate would not be restored so long as Mr. Schiff headed it.

The application for the order *nisi* said that the Rabbinate had never had any complaint on the *kashrut* of the hotel. In the meantime, it added, many regular guests have not gone back to the hotel because of its lack of a *kashrut* certificate, and it has been forced to shut down its kitchen, except for serving dairy breakfasts. *(Itim)*

'Local Authorities' Only In New Draft Law

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EILAT.—A Municipalities law now in draft form will abolish the distinction between towns and local councils, Mr. Y. Bar-Yehuda, the Minister of the Interior, told a festive session of the Eilat Local Council on Tuesday. The Cabinet will get the draft next month, he reported.

He was replying to a request by the Council's Chairman, Mr. Hanoch Nenner, that Eilat be incorporated as a municipality. As a town, Eilat could be responsible for its own planning, Mr. Nenner pointed out.

The Minister declared that the new law would recognize only "local authorities," all of which would have equal rights and responsibilities.

Mr. Bar-Yehuda was accompanied on his tour of the South by the Negev District Representative, Mr. Yitzhak Vardimon.

Inter-School Sports For Juniors

Jerusalem Post Reporter

National inter-school sports competitions are to be introduced this school term, the Ministry of Education announced on Tuesday. The athletics contests are to take place in regional heats between March 22 and May 12. Each school will be allowed to enter two representatives aged up to 15.

All elementary schools have been asked by the Ministry to participate and so foster sportsmanship among pupils.

Cables in Brief

ISTANBUL. — Istanbul has a Jewish population of 22,946, according to official census figures announced on Tuesday. The figures also disclosed that Istanbul is no longer predominantly Moslem. Of a total population of 1,600,000, only 156,900 are Moslems.

PIPELINE. — Europe's longest oil pipeline, linking the North Sea coast to West Germany's Ruhr steel and coal basin, was put into operation on Monday night. The 250-mile pipeline will carry 5.2m. tons next year, with an eventual peak annual load of 22m. tons.

DATES. — Iraq and India Monday night signed a trade agreement aimed at increasing trade in Indian tea for Iraq dates. India has already allocated £1,650,000 for importing Iraq dates, which makes her the biggest buyer.

RESCUE. — Helicopters and surface craft joined in the rescue on Tuesday of 35 of 37 men aboard the Liberian flag tanker African Queen which went aground and broke in t[illegible] on a sandbar 13 miles o[illegible] the Maryland-Delaware shore.

Chaplin Settles Tax Claim for $400,000

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Government on Monday announced that British comedian Charlie Chaplin had settled a $700,000 claim for payment of back income taxes.

The Internal Revenue Service said that they had accepted Mr. Chaplin's offer, reported to be in the neighbourhood of $400,000, in full settlement of the claim. Most of the money sought was for income earned after he had left the U.S. to live in Switzerland in 1952.

'My Hobby' Essay Writers Win Prizes

Prizes in an essay contest on "My Hobby," organized for school age youth by the World Committee for the 10th Aniversary, were given out at a ceremony held on Tuesday at the Y.M.C.A. in Jerusalem.

First prize — three cameras, was awarded to Moshe Graziani, 16, of Haifa, Michal Gazit, 13, of Afula, and Shulamit Avnon, 15, of Rehovot.

Second prize, Bibles autographed by Israel's Bible Champion, Amos Hakham, were given to Hodi Benayahu, 11, of Nof Yam, Yoram Peretsky, 14, of Jerusalem and Avraham Rahamim, 17 of Beersheba.

הפרדס והפרדסן

The Grove and Grower

KEEP WATCH ON THE MEDITERRANEAN FLY IN GROVES

In view of the present warm spell, the Agricultural Department of the Citrus Marketing Board urges all citrus growers to keep track of the development of the Mediterranean Fly by trapping specimens of the fly in the special bottle traps. In case the fly intensifies its activity, groves should be sprayed with yeast bait in accordance with instructions. Particular attention should be paid to Valencias, which have ripened early this season and have, in some places, already been attacked by the fly.

Aerial spraying carried out this year has been highly successful in decimating the fly, and has saved many groves from heavy damage by the fly. The remaining flies are, however, likely to cause local damage on account of the warm weather, and aerial spraying should be complemented by the local spraying of yeast bait.

The fruit in groves which were sprayed late is already showing some signs of damage, and should therefore be sprayed again without delay.

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THE JERUSALEM POST

THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR/ HOUSING DEPARTMENT
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The first lottery for all participants in this Savings scheme whose savings amounted to IL1,000 on December 1, 1958, and who are not eligible for housing in the current building year, will take place at the Ohel Shem Hall, 30 Rehov Balfour, Tel Aviv,
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MANY important matters were discussed in the long, friendly talk that Mr. Ben-Gurion had yesterday with the five Knesset members representing, in effect, Moslem, Christian and Druse "constituencies", but none of these were as significant in themselves as the change in atmosphere since the previous similar conference, held a little more than a year ago. At that time the Arab and Druse members clearly felt that the talk was mainly a formal occasion. There has been so much genuine progress with regard to compensation for abandoned land, resettlement of Israel's 20,000 Arab refugees, and new industrial projects, in which the communities concerned have taken an active share, that yesterday's meeting took on a much more practical aspect.

ARAB PROGRESS

It could be said that even now the conversation cannot touch on the essentials of the problem. One of the members present offered to attempt to negotiate for Arab-Israel peace. He did not do this with any great degree of optimism, but it is an indication that Israel's Arabs as well as Jews realize that the obstacle to the full integration of Arab citizens lies outside Israel's borders, in the lack of peace with the neighbouring countries. Nevertheless Mr. Ben-Gurion promised that there would not only be a further easing of Military Government restrictions, but that he would see to it that more qualified Arab candidates were enabled to enter Government service. He emphasized that he saw no reason why members of the other communities should necessarily serve in their own areas, and said that they would be placed in whatever jobs they suited.

While there was agreement concerning these issues, it was plain that the Arab members feel that the problem of income tax has yet to be settled satisfactorily. To the claim that Arab tax-payers would be handled more tactfully by Arab clerks, who maintain the leisurely tradition in settling business, the Prime Minister could reply that in the matter of impolite service by Israel clerks, Arabs and Jews were entirely at one. There have been many protests against alleged excessive claims, with parallel charges of systematic tax evasion. It is a fact that some Arabs are not yet reconciled to having to pay taxes and often neglect to pay even the sums that have been agreed. The result is the forced sale of property, usually at a great loss, and in an atmosphere of bitterness against a Government that takes such steps. This is not really an "Arab problem" but the problem of an undeveloped community.

In another warmly disputed point it was Mr. Ben-Gurion who took the initiative. Girls in the Arab villages must be allowed to complete their elementary education. It was not acceptable that in the top two grades there should be only half as many girls as boys, although attendance was almost equal in the lowest grade. With ignorant mothers, he protested, there would be no future for the next generation of Arab children. To help on education, villages with no properly constituted local authority will meanwhile be enabled to obtain a loan for additional schoolrooms.

It was a fruitful exchange of views. Despite basic problems, there is an increasing desire on the part of the Arab population to arrange their lives in what seems the most promising manner to each individual, and to take advantage of the facilities the Government offers. If the Arab governments had done as much, pending political settlement, for the refugees within their own borders as Israel has, there would be a great deal less human misery in the Middle East today.

Union Democracy Forced Press Strike

105 Votes Put 20,000 Out of Work and Caused $13m. Losses a Week

By JESSE ZEL LURIE

NEW YORK.—WHAT did a New Yorker do without his morning paper during the 20 day strike that has just ended? On the morning train to the office, instead of burying his face behind the "New York Times," one passenger read a four-day old copy of the "Christian Science Monitor," which he picked up at the free distribution rack, maintained in the station by the local Christian Science church. Another who looked like a Wall Street broker, read a large tome titled "The Mystical Evolution." A third, who had the hands of a plumber, read the "Wall Street Journal", the only English-language daily which was still being published in New York City.

Most passengers were doing nothing, staring out of the window or lost in their thoughts. A few, very few, were actually talking to each other, a strange phenomenon for anonymous New Yorkers.

The strike and lockout affected nine daily newspapers —seven published in Manhattan, four morning and three evening, and a morning paper and an evening one on Long Island. Their combined circulation is 5,500,000 daily and 8,000,000 on Sunday.

Of the 20,000 employees of these nine newspapers who were idle and without pay in this Christmas season, only 4,500 were on strike. These were the members of the Newspaper and Mail Deliverers' Union, the men who transfer the bundles of daily papers from the printing plants to the newsstands and railway stations.

This is a closed father-son, independent union, not affiliated to the A.F.L.-C.I.O. The only new members accepted are sons of deceased members. The files of the Labour Board contain many complaints against this union for discrimination against non-union workers who have been refused union membership.

No Discrimination

There is no discrimination within the union, however, nor lack of democracy. The publishers complain, as will be detailed below, that there is too much democracy. The spokesmen for the union, President Sam Feldman and legal counsel Asher W. Schwartz, are Jewish, and so are a goodly proportion of the members. Other minority groups are also well represented.

This is a tough proletarian union of men who work with their hands. They believe that they are entitled to a higher pay increase than other newspaper men who work with their brains.

Up to the day of the strike, the pay of the deliverers was $103.82 for a 40-hour week. Publishers claimed that, with overtime, the men averaged $135 a week. In addition they received paid vacations, legal holidays, sick pay and other fringe benefits, which the publishers said cost them $7 a week per man.

The chief demands of the deliverers were a $10 increase for a 35-hour week and a reduction in the weight of the bundles that they handle from 55 pounds to 40 (18 kilos). They also asked for 12 holidays a year instead of eight, four weeks' paid vacation instead of three and other improvements in their fringe benefits. These were mainly bargaining points.

About a month ago, the publishers settled with the Newspaper Guild, which represents the editorial and clerical workers, for a "bundle" consisting of a $7 weekly increase over a two-year period and various improvements in the fringe benefits. It was understood that this increase—but no more — would also be offered to the craft unions — deliverers, pressmen, typographers, engravers, etc. It was also understood that if the publishers settled for a higher figure with any of these crafts, the others would also demand and probably receive the same deal.

The $7 weekly increase was indeed accepted by the negotiators for the deliverers' union and all seemed well. But, as I mentioned above, internal democracy in this union is at a high level. The negotiators were not empowered to sign a binding contract. It had to be ratified by a vote of the union members.

Only 40% Voted

The vote was taken under the auspices of the Honest Ballot Association. Less than 40 per cent of the union's members took the trouble to vote. By a margin of 105 votes, 877 to 722, the publishers' offer was rejected and the strike began an hour or two later. There is no evidence to support the publishers' claim that those who didn't vote were satisfied with the offer. A sampling of 40 per cent usually represents the will of the body. One might say, with as much proof, that if more men voted the rejection would have been greater.

The fact is, however, that the votes of 105 men put 20,000 out of work and caused millions of dollars of losses not only to the newspapers, but to those who depend on newspapers and publicity for their livelihood. First of all, there are the news-vendors, independent merchants who do not benefit from unemployment insurance. It was a bleak Christmas for 175 blind kiosk owners. Another 750 of the news dealers are disabled veterans. These people are proud of their independence and though most of their meagre savings were probably gone by the end of the strike, few if any, applied to the City Welfare for relief.

Direct Losses

The direct loss to the newspapers in advertising and circulation in the first week alone was estimated by "Editor and Publisher," the newspaper trade weekly, at $13m. By contrast, the $7 increase offered to the deliverers would have cost $1,200,000 a year, and when extended to all the employees, the cost will be $7m. annually. Most of New York's papers are wealthy enough to wage long fights, but Dorothy Schiff's "New York Post" was rumoured to be in trouble. Last week she denied that she had filed a petition of bankruptcy.

Direct losses were also shown by theatres and sports events — attendance down 25 per cent; department stores—no figures as yet, but the lack of pre-Christmas promotions almost put the mail and phone order departments out of business; real estate brokers — no way to advertise their wares; the unemployed — no help wanted ads, and countless others, not forgetting the housewife with no paper to line her garbage pail.

Late News

The direct loss to the people's knowledge of the state of the nation was harder to measure. The Yiddish and foreign language dailies took up a fraction of the slack. Radio and TV increased the frequency but not the depth or quality of their bulletins. Those who really needed to know what is going on in the world could travel to Times Square where they could buy a day-old London "Times," the "Washington Post"—and find an article last week by Amos Elion, the "Ha'aretz" correspondent in Washington, attacking Ben-Gurion.

Throughout the strike, the publishers, union representatives and federal mediators were in almost continuous session. After a few days, Federal Mediation Commissioner Joseph Finnegan suggested that in view of the small number of workers who voted on the publishers' offer, a second vote be held. The Union negotiators refused to do this on their own and held a meeting to consider the matter. Union attorney Schwartz estimated at least 2,000 and perhaps 2,500 members were present. He reported:

There was a thorough, if sometimes noisy, debate. Afterwards the vote was taken by a show of hands in a quiet, orderly manner. The stand was overwhelmingly, about 80 per cent, against voting on the same package. There was no doubt at all that this vote represented the rank and file opinion, carefully made. Our legislators and publishers, too, through newspaper editorials, are constantly demanding democracy in unions. If ever there was an instance of union democracy in action, this was it.

The publishers' representative, however, called it "mob action... Further, it appears to be a complete rejection of their own elected and appointed officials and negotiators — a rejection that can be viewed by the public only as wanton, reckless, capricious and irresponsible."

The question arises whether there can be too much democracy in a union — whether modern society can afford to have large industries broken up into independent craft unions—and whether the town meeting type of pure democracy does not have to give way to elected representatives, or turn into anarchy.

Those in this country who have been watching with natural sympathy the attempts of certain sections of the Histadrut, such as the secondary school teachers, to obtain greater democratic representation, now may ponder the example of the New York newspaper strike and weigh the extension of union democracy against the public and national interest.

IN MEMORIAM:

Pioneer in Physical Chemistry

By Dr. W. FEUCHTWANG

The author, who was one of the late Professor Farkas' students, is today the Israel Research Council's Director of Research in Chemical Industry and Petrochemistry, as well as a Research Fellow in Physical Chemistry at the Hebrew University.

PROFESSOR FARKAS

EXACTLY ten years ago today, Professor Ladislaus Farkas lost his life in an air crash on his way to Europe and the U.S.

One of the most brilliant and original scientists of his generation, Hungarian-born Professor Farkas had been invited to Jerusalem in 1935 by Dr. Chaim Weizmann in order to build up and direct the Department of Physical Chemistry at the Hebrew University. Although only 31 at the time, he was particularly well qualified for the task, having worked with such outstanding men in his field as Haber, Bonhoeffer, Polanyi, Ladenburg and Freundlich in Berlin, and with Rutherford, J.J. Thompson, Aston, Dirac, Wilson and Rideal in Cambridge. Under his direction, the new department he set up on Mount Scopus worked on problems well in advance of contemporary thought — in particular on the use of isotopes to trace mechanics of reaction, on which he was the acknowledged expert in the international field. His publications on ortho- para- and heavy hydrogen are not only still read today but are read even more extensively than during his lifetime.

Professor Farkas' plans were always based on the present, yet directed towards the future. At a time when the Yishuv could not absorb its academically trained population and directed it towards manual labour, he selected students whom he trained for the chemical industry, on which Dr. Weizmann and he thought future development should be based. The result was that when the need arose, his former students could fill the central positions in Israel's chemical industry.

The research he directed in the Department of Physical Chemistry also had the same objective in view. Thus the enterprises of the Palestine Potash Co. Ltd. made use of a process he had worked out. The application of bromine in chemical synthesis was one of the main research projects on which his Department was engaged, not so much because it was an interesting element in itself but rather because the Dead Sea is a practically unlimited potential source of high concentration. He was a pioneer of the view, now commonly held, that scientific work must be done by the country for the country, and devoted much of his time to the practical application of his researches.

Professor Farkas was an inspiring teacher and a constant friend and adviser to his staff and students. The purpose of his ill-fated trip abroad in 1948 was to purchase scientific equipment for a new Physical Chemistry Department, the old one on Mount Scopus having become inaccessible. He was destined not to return. But such was the impetus he gave, the spirit of dedication he introduced, and the quality of the men he trained, that a new Department of Physical Chemistry has arisen on Givat Ram, working in his tradition — a Department he would have been proud to direct.

MUSICAL DIARY

Disappointing Concert

Ninth Chamber Music Concert: Paina Salzman, piano; Nitza Shur, mezzo-soprano; Oedoen Partos, viola; Uri Toeplitz, flute; Zvi Harel, cello; Max Walter, bassoon; Eliahu Thorner, oboe; Heinz Berger, English horn; Eytan Lustig, conductor. Tel Aviv Museum, December 27.

THREE out of four compositions featured in this second of the Special Concert Series sponsored by Miss Bathsabée de Rothschild were contemporary, but unfortunately of no significant interest except for the work of the young Israel Composer Ben-Zion Orgad. A Quintet for mezzo-soprano, viola, flute, cello and bassoon, it is set to three poems — "Out of Dust," "Desert" and "Jackal" — by a young Israel poet, Erella Ur. The composer seems to have searched for a new form, and succeeded; however, acoustically the work does not give the impression of having achieved a climax in either of the three parts. The performance, led by Mr. Lustig, was adequate, though Miss Shur's voice did not always quite come through in the lower register.

The concert opened with Henry Purcell's charming "Music to Midsummer Night's Dream," spiritedly performed by the wind instrument players with Eytan Lustig at the continuo. It was followed by Honegger's Sonata for viola and piano, which in spite of a masterful rendition by Paina Salzman and Oedoen Partos, did not meet expectations. It was quite boring, except perhaps for the first movement, which deployed at least some kind of original form.

We were not much better off with André Jolivet's piece for flute and piano, "Chant de Linos," which did no more than show the virtuoso qualities of Mr. Toeplitz and Miss Salzman.

AVIDOM

Electronics Lecture

"Whither Contemporary Music?"; illustrated lecture by Haim Alexander (Beeri Club, Jerusalem, December 28).

EXACTLY one year ago this column published a critical review of a lecture by Yosef Tal on "Electronic Music," in which this writer expressed his regret that this esteemed composer had apparently fallen victim to art's atomic age, denying us his further contributions to our vocal and instrumental compositions. Now it seems that Haim Alexander, the Jerusalem music educator and composer, has been similarly much impressed by the latest developments in European music at a summer seminar for modern (read electronic) music.

In his talk to the Beeri Club Music Circle, Mr. Alexander reviewed the main influences of the contemporary musical scene, beginning with Wagner whose "Tristan" destroyed conventional harmonic thinking, and Arnold Schoenberg, to whose 12-tone system all modern music traces its development. Even Hindemith, who advocates tonal centres and sets out to prove their existence everywhere, occasionally resorts to dodecaphonic techniques, noted the lecturer, adding that Stravinsky, the apostle of poly-tonality, is now turning to the 12-tone scale.

"Real" modern music begins with Anton Webern, a pupil of Schoenberg's, who is the posthumously elected godfather of what the young generation of European composers contributes to musical history. Mr. Alexander tried to convince the audience (as he apparently has persuaded himself to be convinced) that Webern's works are the climax of musical thinking. Their extreme concentration expresses itself in short pieces, pointillistic writing and extraordinary sound mixtures that sound like premonitions of electronic music. The lecturer wound up his review with a short work by Henri Pousseur, which, though mostly for conventional instruments, is completely electronically conceived.

Haim Alexander did not come out in favour of particular developments but one could gather that these new sounds and techniques have impressed him tremendously. However, we still believe that writing in a musical way requires much more inspiration and courage than does producing those earsplitting or outright funny sounds which go under the banner of electronic music. They belong to the film or radio play (where it actually all started), and most of us still long for music that expresses human feelings in aesthetically acceptable ways.

Music Lectures Resumed

THE resumption of the fortnightly music lectures at the Beeri Club is to be noted with satisfaction, as previous seasons have been full of interesting and stimulating sessions. This season promises — under the direction of Dr. Meir Katz — to give music-lovers many treats off the beaten track.

Y. BOEHM

ISRAEL ART IN MOBILE SHOW

A MOBILE Israel handicrafts exhibition of 300 works of art and Bezalel objects incorporated into special original exhibits was opened at the Baltimore Municipal Museum last month in the presence of the Mayor by Mr. Arthur Lourie, Israel Ambassador to Canada, and Mr. Sam Rubin, President of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation.

The exhibition, designed for the Foreign Ministry's Cultural Relations Department by Dr. N. Shapiro of the Israel Institute for Export Standards, is sponsored in the U.S. whose main museums it will tour, by the American Federation of Arts. The Federation's head, Mr. H. K. Prior, visited Israel for this purpose last year.

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Readers' Letters

WORLD BANK LOANS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,— I wish to refer to the item you published on December 29 headed "World Bank Head Coming Here Soon" and the report published today headed "World Bank Head Postpones Visit." Without going into details of inaccuracies that crept into both reports I wish to correct the statement referring to applications to the World Bank for loans which the latter was reported to have refused.

I wish to state without any reservations that Israel had made no application in the past, neither formally nor informally, for any loan from the World Bank, and consequently it was impossible that any such loan should have been refused or that any reasons be given for such refusal.

Yours, etc.
Y. J. TAUB,
Press Officer,
Bank of Israel.

Jerusalem, December 30.

7TH PALESTINIAN PLATOON

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,— In 1944 the British Army of the Middle East organized No. 7 Palestine Platoon, the first Officers' Training Course in which Palestinians, British and Colonials were trained together. One of the participants, Frans Dorot (then Deutsch) now the owner of Ashkelon's Dagon Hotel, is anxious to have a get-together of his colleagues in the course, to take place in the Dagon Hotel on January 15.

Among other graduates of OCTU 1944 who achieved distinction in Israel were Aluf-Mishne Abraham Joffe, who was later to stroll down from Eilat to Sharm el-Sheikh. As a cadet he was famous for winning a case against the Sergeant-Major on a charge of not polishing his buttons — he produced them and demonstrated that they were made of bone and so beyond polish. Aluf-Mishne "Zaro" is another distinguished cadet. One of the Jews in the course who passed with difficulty, given a "D" because of "lack of leadership," he went on to earn Palestine Jewry's first Military Cross.

Frans Dorot appeals to all graduates of the course, who are willing to spend an evening telling each other exaggerated stories of what happened, to contact him at the Dagon Hotel.

Yours, etc.
PHILIP GILLON

Ashkelon.

PEN FRIENDS

MR. FRANCIS IZU NGWUBE, O.M.G.S., Nsewi, Nigeria, is 24 years old and teaches in a boys' Grammar School. He is interested in games books, foreign countries, social relations and travelling and would like to have an Israel pen friend.

MISS V. F. BOWDEN, 39, of 31 Aldwick Road, Bognor Regis, England, who recently visited Israel, would like about three pen friends, either sex, aged 29 to 35. Her interests are very wide.

Heard Abroad During 1958

When I think of the things that I have said and thought in the past about Chancellors of the Exchequer, I am filled with remorse.—Mr. Heathcoat Amory, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Every month, every week that passes, the wisdom of the action launched by Britain and France at Suez over a year ago becomes more evident. — "Daily Express," London.

It's no fun to kiss a man when 100 technicians are watching you. —Miss Sophia Loren.

Science is at no moment quite right, but it is seldom quite wrong. — Bertrand Russell.

If the Communists conquered the world, it would be very unpleasant for a while, but not for ever. — Bertrand Russell.

War, happily, has become too dangerous. — Mr. Harold Macmillan.

It's a recession when your neighbour loses his job; it's a depression when you lose yours.—Mr. Harry Truman.

The British tourist is always happy abroad as long as the natives are waiters. — Mr. Robert Morley.

Conservatism is like an appendix. When inert it is useless; when active it is extremely dangerous. — Mr. Maurice Edelman, M.P.

Unrest begins at the breakfast-table. — Mr. R. Ledger, M.P.

What do soldiers know about government — nothing. —Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery.

Is it credible that at the age of 67 I am going to begin a career as a dictator? — General de Gaulle.

I may lose many things, including my temper, but I do not lose my nerve. — Mr. Nehru.

I always agree with Mr. Dulles — especially when he agrees with me.—Mr. Harold Macmillan.

A gift is not necessarily a bribe.—President Eisenhower.

No one ever shouted "Vahiatan Anglais." — M. André Malraux.

The roads of this country, as everyone knows, are strewn with wounded dead and dying.—Lord Goddard.

Education has nothing to do with success in the United States.—Dr. Robert Hutchins.

I have no doubt we could come across people who have committed bigamy and it has produced great happiness, but that is not an argument for bigamy.—Dr. H. G. Dowler, addressing the British Medical Association.

Perhaps it would have been possible not to give Nagy such a harsh sentence, because I believe he was just a fool. — Soviet President Voroshilov.

Horror, sex and violence are three essentials of good business in the cinema today. —Mr. Francis Howard, Press Officer, Films de France.

Even Englishmen behave like men when the right girl is around.—Miss Jayne Mansfield.

We are confident we could destroy Russia tomorrow. At the moment they cannot retaliate.—Air Chief Marshall Sir Dermot Boyle, Chief of Air Staff.

In fighting politicians you think you are winning and suddenly you find you have lost. — Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery.

I have never had a bad debt. — Mr. Eugene Black, President of the World Bank.

We have more boredom in the U.S. per capita than any other nation in the world.—Dr. Billy Graham.

I would submit that greater works than Christ did are effected by the discovery of M. and B. and penicillin.—Dr. Chavasse, Bishop of Rochester.

A man writes again and again the same novel. Like birds they always sing the same tune. — Signor Alberto Moravia.

It is only when rich given rise to protracted fury that rich becomes a burden. — Sir Christopher Hinton.

We are concerned about the cleanliness of table linen and plates in our restaurants, but more important is the cleanliness of the souls of those whom the state has honoured by permitting them to serve the people.—"Pravda."

We Germans must not evolve a technique of forgetfulness. — President Heuss of West Germany.

The only terrorists I'm interested in are dead ones.—Major-General Kenneth Darling, Director of Operations, Cyprus.

A compromise is the art of dividing a cake in such a way that everyone believes that he has got the biggest piece. — Professor Ludwig Erhard, German Minister of Economics.

A hungry man is not inclined to put the ballot box before his next meal. — Mr Harold Macmillan.

The dialectic of history proves that some things which were revolutionary yesterday are counter-revolutionary today. — Mr. Wladyslaw Gomulka.

A CONSPIRACY of JOLLITY

By EPHRAIM KISHON

THE last days of the year are always as tense as the man who cannot get his favourite brand of tranquilizer. Heavens know what grips people as the New Year draws near, but it is a fact that the atmosphere becomes supercharged with electricity. Dark shadows flit about the alleyways hugging the walls, unspeakable terror in their eyes.

As for myself, a mysterious hand grabbed me one evening and dragged me into a pitch-black stairway. It was my acquaintance-in-law, the distinguished theatrical man, though I could hardly recognize him because of the thick burlap veil covering his face up to the feverishly burning eyes.

"Listen" — he whispered in my ear. "You're invited to our place for a New Year's party."

"OK" — I whispered back, "but why do we have to whisper?"

"Past!" — the man hissed. "The walls have ears. We invited only a few handpicked people, and I don't want all the acquaintances whom we haven't invited to find out."

"All right" — I breathed. "I won't say anything. Where do the bacchanalia take place?"

"You'll be told at the last moment. If I tell you now, people might find out, and our friends who live in the neighbourhood and were not invited will be offended."

"I see" — I agreed. "But still, how will I come to the place?"

"We'll tell you the location of the assembly area and the password by phone. The operation is organized on the basis of conspiratorial cells. Everyone knows only six others. Thereby we hope to avoid unnecessary hard feelings. You are requested to bring a bottle of brandy, and I tell you, the Americans should not leave Berlin, that would be a fatal error, the Russians are just talking big..."

I must have overlooked the password, because I found myself in the dark stairway.

"Have to be careful" — my host wiped his perspiring brow when the danger had passed. "Who knows who this man was? I don't want to make enemies, but you realize that I couldn't invite everybody. Here is your invitation..."

With that he gave me an embossed card on which was written in gilt letters: "Personal Invitation No. 20; Series B. Formal dress."

"Better burn it at once" — my host murmured, trembling over his whole body and pressing a hand against his madly hammering heart. I put a light to the four corners of the invitation and scattered the ashes in the wind.

"I'll get out first and walk to the right" — my host whispered. "Wait five minutes, then go the left..."

And with that the man disappeared in the darkness. I sighed, relieved. We, too, are having a New Year shindig and have not invited him.

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YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Dayan Taken to Task

Davar (Histadrut) concedes that Moshe Dayan, like any well-meaning citizen, has the right to air his views in public, so long as he uses legitimate weapons. Indeed, it has no quarrel with him for his non-conformism and for having taken exception to his Party and the Histadrut in a number of fields, but feels that he should draw the line when he says that "the fellows who crawled amongst thorns and boulders do not understand the nation's problems less than those who for 20 years have been sitting in the fifth storey of the Executive or elsewhere."

Omer (Histadrut) hails the convening of the Committee for Inter-Faith Understanding, which will also ultimately have a healthy influence on Israel's international relations, while **Herut** fears that this body may be exploited by certain elements as a forum from which to gore the State of Israel.

Lamerhav (Ahdut Ha'avoda) does not believe that the Mapai proposal for direct mayoralty elections will pass the Knesset.

Hatsofe (National Religious) points out that the present system of electing mayors and council heads gives various opinions the opportunity of being represented and prevents domination by a single party.

Ha'aretz (non-party) calls for the appointment of an independent public commission, headed by a judge, to look into the charges against Kaiser-Frazer. Any delay will be interpreted as official shielding.

Haboker (General Zionist) states that import levies should continue to come within the scope of Emergency Regulations and not be incorporated into the law until a number of faulty aspects of our fiscal condition are rectified.

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